

SENATOR OWEN HALTS SENATE WITH PET BILL

Oklahoma Senator Fights to Have Corrupt Practice Bill Voted on.

REPUBLICANS WANT IT SHOVED ASIDE

Administration Men Can't Get Robert L. to Agree to Compromise.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Republican senate leaders and Senator Owen, Democrat, tied the legislative situation in the senate into a hard knot today, threatening the plans of administration leaders to expedite the shipping, workmen's compensation and revenue bills and assure an early adjournment of congress.

The obstacle interposed was the Owen corrupt practices bill to limit and regulate political campaign contributions. The Democrats did not include the measure in their legislative program, but Senator Owen wants it passed and the Republican leaders want definite assurance of its postponement until the December session.

When Senator Fletcher sought an agreement to vote on the shipping bill today, Republican leaders refused to give such a promise, inasmuch as the bill was not in the imperative program. They found Senator Owen, however, determined to call his bill up some time before adjournment and to demand a vote on it no matter what the result might be.

End in Tangle.

Senator Owen's attitude resulted in a declaration by the Republicans that they would not agree to any unanimous consent requests to fix a time for voting on either the shipping or revenue bills. Senator Owen thereupon announced he also would refuse unanimous consent on request to fix a time to vote on the other bills as long as opposition to taking up his measure persisted.

That was the tangled situation when the senate adjourned tonight without a vote on the shipping bill. Some administration leaders thought the Owen bill might be the shipping or revenue bill, but the present plan is to pass both the shipping and workmen's compensation bills before it is taken up.

MIRACLE MONTH IN BUILDING PERMITS

General Average of \$11,000 a Day is Rung Up or About \$1,000 an Hour.

During the first fifteen days of the present month, the building permits issued from the office of the city building inspector averaged more than \$11,000 a day, or more than \$1,000 for every hour the office of this department is open.

The grand total for the month was approximately \$166,000, or \$11,066 each day. This is considered a remarkable record by those in the building inspector's office, as August usually is one of the duller months of the year for buildings.

In the establishing of this record, another, one of the permits issued, also was hung up, clung to stick for several months, hanging in the building inspector's office believe.

TRAIN GUNS FOR WEST CAMPAIGN

Alvin Hart Returns to Chicago and Names Personnel of Fighting Force.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—Alvin T. Hart, chief manager of the western campaign headquarters of the Republican national committee returned to Chicago today from a week's vacation prepared to complete the organization of his forces for the discussion of the western campaign.

He announced the campaign committee to be composed of James R. Garfield of Ohio; Harold L. Ickes of Illinois; James A. Hemenway of Indiana; R. B. Howell of Nebraska and John T. Adams of Iowa.

CLEVER BAD CHECK ARTIST

Blackwell Merchants are Fooled by Young Man Using Several Names.

Special to The World. BLACKWELL, Okla., Aug. 16.—Using several names, W. T. Ward passed checks on Blackwell merchants to the extent of several hundred dollars, and made a get-away for parts unknown. Ward had been employed here by a building contractor on some residence buildings and made out a list of imaginary workmen making out a check for each one, the amounts ranging from \$15 to \$35.

START MOVE TO OUST OFFICIALS AT ENID

PETITION WITH 1,200 NAMES IS FILED WITH CITY CLERK AS PRELIMINARIES.

Harry Glasser, Former County Attorney, Is Leading Fight on the Men.

Special to The World. ENID, Okla., Aug. 16.—A movement to oust Mayor John Clover and Commissioner Fred McClane was started here today when petitions containing the signatures of more than 1,200 citizens were filed with the city clerk. Misconduct in office is charged.

The proceedings had been contemplated for some time. It is said, but not until today it became apparent those who have tired of the administration had decided upon drastic action against the officials named. It is said to be the intention of taking similar steps against others of the city's official family.

The charges against the mayor and Commissioner McClane are based on affidavits sworn to by Harry Glasser, former county attorney, who recently was dismissed from office. He charges that city employees long had been in the habit of drinking all liquor consumed in raids, and that such misconduct was with the full knowledge and sanction of the mayor and McClane.

The city clerk will require ten days to examine the petitions to ascertain whether they are regular and contain the number of names necessary to begin such a proceeding.

HITCH DEVELOPS IN DANISH SALE

Landsting Members Vote Against Sale Until Elections in Houses.

NOTHING IS SETTLED

Lansing Is Asked to Appear and Explain Why High Price Offered.

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 16.—(Via London, Aug. 16.—(10:20 p. m.) The landsting, the upper house of the Danish parliament, met today at a committee of the whole to consider the treaty providing for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States, and 47 of the 61 members present placed themselves in favor of the order of the day stating that the sale can not be settled before elections for both houses of parliament have been held.

The situation has been further complicated by a proposal from Premier Zahle that the government resign and help in the formation of a cabinet representing the various parties. This proposal, if carried out, would avoid the holding of elections as advocated. Success is certain as the Socialists have hitherto declined to be represented in a cabinet with members of the other party.

Nothing is settled at present as many members of the folkething are not in town. An influential member of the radical government party explained that the government offer to resign did not mean that it feared the result of an election, but that if elections were held ratification of the sale would be delayed three months or perhaps more.

Lansing to Explain.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Secretary Lansing was asked today to appear Friday before the senate foreign relations committee to answer questions relating to the treaty for purchase of the Danish West Indies. The committee at its first meeting to consider the treaty decided a personal explanation from the secretary would be necessary to satisfy some of the members regarding details relating to business concessions in the islands and to purchase price.

Some of the senators on the committee, although they favor purchasing the islands, believe the \$25,000,000 asked by Denmark exorbitant as in 1902 she offered to sell them for \$5,000,000.

Senator Stone, chairman of the committee, said tonight the treaty probably would not be reported to the senate for ratification until next week.

COPENHAGEN, via London, Aug. 17.—(1:55 a. m.)—The Politiken, the government organ, says the king desires to avoid an election during the war.

ST. THOMAS, Danish West Indies, Aug. 16.—Apparently the inhabitants of the island of St. Croix favor sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. Unofficial balloting was taken there yesterday and of the votes cast five thousand were in favor of the proposition, and only 11 against it.

The population of St. Croix in 1901 was 18,590.

GETS AN ARMY PROMOTION

Prentice Lively Gets Place as Regimental Sergeant Major.

Special to The World. BLACKWELL, Okla., Aug. 16.—Prentice Lively of this place has recently been promoted to regimental sergeant major of the first Oklahoma infantry regiment. Lively spent several years in the signal corps of the guard, in which he was a telegraph operator.

ANGLO-FRENCH STORM 3 MILES OF GERMAN LINE

Maurepas and Clerly Have Been Flanked on Both Sides in Attacks.

REACH RAILROAD TOWN OF COMBLES

Doiran and Four Villages on Saloniki Front in Allies' Hands.

PARIS, Aug. 16.—(10:50 p. m.)—The allied forces on the Saloniki front have captured the railroad station at Doiran and four villages at other points on the front, according to an official statement issued by the French war office tonight. The statement covers continuous fighting extending from August 1 to the present time.

The statement adds that the French troops occupied all the German positions east of the Maurepas-Clerly road and that in addition German trenches 1,200 meters long to the south of Belloy-en-Santerre were captured.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 16.—(Via London, 10:20 p. m.)—The official statement issued this evening by the war department reads as follows: "Western (Russian front) the situation is unchanged.

"Caucasia front. An offensive by several enemy detachments south of the region of Kalapavay, Persia, southwest of Ural was frustrated by our troops."

LONDON, Aug. 16.—(10:50 p. m.) The French and British striking with terrific force in three directions on the Somme front have stormed nearly three miles of German trenches, driving forward at points to a depth of three hundred to five hundred yards. The most important gains were made by the British and French troops striking north from the point where the allied lines meet. Maurepas and Clerly, two of the most important points held by the Germans in this sector, have been flanked on both sides, according to the official statement issued by Paris. The road has also been reached between Maurepas and Guillemont, the latter town being the immediate objective of the British advance. If maintained, brings the allies directly in front of the large railroad town of Combles.

South of the Somme the French stormed German trenches over a length of about three-quarters of a mile, driving forward in a southerly direction from Belloy-en-Santerre. Paris reports that a considerable number of prisoners were taken in these operations.

Despatch of Action.

For the first time in many days no important action is reported from the Russian front and the some dearth of news prevails in regard to the Italian operations.

The most interesting item of news regarding the Italian advance against Trieste is contained in a news dispatch from Milan, which states that German troops are to be employed in the defense of the big Austrian port. If corroborated this means that Italy and Germany will at last enter an active state of warfare.

Once again Berlin reports fighting at Doiran on the Saloniki front but Paris and London maintain their silence in regard to the situation in this theater.

U. S. LUMBER TRADE WELL TO THE FORE

Pensacola Retains First Place With Exports in Fiscal Year.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 15.—The compilation of statistics on exports of forest products in the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30 last was published in the current issue of the New Orleans Lumber Trade Journal, shows a substantial expansion in the country's foreign lumber movement over the preceding fiscal year.

The figures show that among the principal gulf ports, Pensacola retained first place with exports of 157,368,000 feet, against 136,325,000 for 1914-15. Gulfport, Miss., moved up from fourth to second place with exports of 123,021,000 feet, against 105,030,000 the preceding year. New Orleans retained third place with 121,058,000 feet, against 105,549,000 the year before. Galveston's exports were stated at 38,885,000 feet, against 21,726,000 the previous year.

Exports of yellow pine, according to the figures, showed the most important gain in volume, although some other woods exceeded it in percentage of increase. Yellow pine shipments for 1915-16 aggregated 554,273,000 feet, against 456,231,000 the year before and shipments of yellow pine lumber were 291,205,000 feet, against 24,584,000 the previous year. Other important proportional increases are stated as follows: White pine 34,206,000 feet against 18,298,000 the previous year, gum 32,155,000 against 24,584,000, spruce lumber 27,325,000 against 15,610,000. All the other classes of lumber showed gains with two exceptions—fir, which decreased from 363,886,000 to 268,455,000 feet, and "all other" lumber, which decreased from 75,707,000 to 78,633,000 feet.

16-YEAR-OLD WIFE ASKS \$50,000 BALM

EARL M. BROWN, PROMINENT TULSA, MADE DEFENDANT IN ALIMONY SUIT HERE.

Neglect Along Allegations in Petition; Couple Was Married in January.

The largest amount of alimony ever asked in a court in Tulsa county was named yesterday in a suit filed in the superior court by Mrs. Gladys Brown, 16 years old, through her mother, Mrs. Mae Holden. The bride of eight months asks that she be awarded \$50,000, which is declared to be one-half of the property of her husband, Earl M. Brown, prominent and wealthy Tulsa.

Mrs. Brown said that she met her husband while she was attending the Sisters of Mercy convent at Joplin, Mo., in July 1915, and that he promised to allow her to continue her studies after they were married. This she says he did not do and refused to purchase her musical instruments.

She says that her husband brought her to Tulsa and they took a room at the home of his mother and two spinster sisters, where she was subjected to unpleasant family relations. Shortly after their marriage she declares her husband told her he had made a mistake in marrying her and advised her to have her mother bring some sort of action against her in order to have the marriage annulled.

Further Mrs. Brown says her husband gave her very little money and one time when he left the city for a week he gave her only eight cents. The court is petitioned to restrain Brown from disposing of any of his property until after the suit has been decided. Attorneys' fees amounting to \$500 and \$100 to aid in bringing the suit are also named in the prayer.

Brown owns several hotels and rooming houses in Oklahoma points and is well known in Tulsa. At the time of her marriage, Mrs. Brown was but 15 years of age. The couple were married last January in Miami.

MUST HAVE RAIN OR COTTON FAILS

Oklahoma Crop Deteriorates Steadily Under Continued Drouth.

600,000 BALES COTTON

Crop Shows Some Improvement in Other Central Southern States.

Special to The World.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 16.—Cotton is deteriorating at the rate of 1 per cent a day in Oklahoma at the present time, according to President Frank Gault of the state board of agriculture, and the total yield will not go much above 600,000 bales for the state, unless there is rain soon. Several weeks ago President Gault made the prediction that the state's yield would be somewhere about 800,000 bales. "It will be much less than that," he said today, "unless we have rain right away. The crop is being damaged at the rate of 1 per cent a day so long as the present warm weather continues.

From Cimarron county comes the report from one of the inspectors employed by the board that two good rains have fallen in that county during the last few days. Grass is doing well there and all row crops will bear good harvest this fall. This is a portion of the state that has suffered generally from the dry, hot weather, but this year freakish rains have hit that section in addition to produce well. It is said, however, that the corn crop of the northwestern part of the state will be exceedingly light this year.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Cotton showed some improvement in the central cotton states during the week just ended, but elsewhere conditions were not so promising. The national weather and crop bulletin today, reviewing conditions for the week, said:

"In Arkansas the crop was generally benefited and the condition is good to excellent, except where rain is needed in the north and west. In Tennessee the condition was favorable and the crop is very good and is fruiting well.

"The crop continues promising in northwestern Mississippi where it is fruiting well, and there was a material increase in yield in the cotton belt.

PROUD POSSESSOR OF FIRST COTTON BALE

Special to The World.

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Aug. 16.—The first load of cotton to be brought into Muskogee this year weighing 1,600 pounds netted its owner, J. M. Pierce, of Fort Gibson, \$153.50. A local gin company paid Pierce five and a quarter cents a pound for the load and he received a bonus of \$8.50. This is the thirteenth consecutive year that Pierce has received a premium for the first bale. He has 175 acres of cotton.

HUGHES U. S. TO LOOK WORLD IN FACE

Is His Desire That Country Hold Head Eret Among All Peoples.

NEED EFFICIENT MEN AS LEADERS

Brands as Traitor Private Citizen Who Rakes Gain Off Nation.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 16.—Charles E. Hughes, in an address to the Portland Advertising club in which he advocated commercial preparedness for European competition through the agency of a protective tariff, today branded as a traitor to his country the man who sought to build up his private fortune at public expense.

"The man who tries to get the better of the public for his private purse," the nominee said, "is a traitor to the government. We will go ahead and put these traitors out of business while we build up the business of the United States."

In opening his address Mr. Hughes declared that while he was speaking to the Portland Advertising club he was a member of "The Republican Advertising club."

"I am speaking of preparedness, Mr. Hughes said: "I desire to see the United States holding its head erect among the peoples of the earth, not trembling, not blustering, but ready for any emergency. We have in this country opportunities that dazzle the imagination."

These, said the nominee, could best be developed under an efficient form of government in the hands of men who believed in protecting American industries.

After his address Mr. Hughes went for a four-hour automobile ride along the Columbia highway.

Prospects for Free Delivery.

MIAMI, Okla., Aug. 16.—The prospects for a free delivery for Miami look better now and are nearly assured. At the suggestion of Senator Gore and Congressman Davenport the department is going to send a man to look over the local situation and see if the free delivery is needed and desired by Miami. Miami's postoffice receipts and volume of business has been rapidly increasing right along and if the inspector comes to Miami he will find that the free city delivery is really needed in Miami.

CARPENTERS OPEN CONVENTION TODAY

Feature of Morning Session Will Be Speech by Edward Warren.

As a curtain raiser to the six day convention of the State Federation of Labor, which holds its first session Monday morning, the three day convention of the state council of carpenters will open at 9 o'clock this morning in the Friend-Jones building on East Second.

The feature of this morning's session will be the address of welcome, which will be delivered by Ed Warren, assistant county attorney. The response will be given by E. Q. Malone of Henryetta, a member of the executive committee.

The present convention of the council of carpenters of Oklahoma, is the eighth annual convention, the craft having been organized in 1908 seven years ago. At the time of the organization the founders met in the same rooms in the Friend-Jones building in which today's sessions are to be held.

The first time the delegates to arrive in Tulsa to attend the convention which always precedes the annual convention of the State Federation of Labor, was E. N. Ferguson, secretary of Ardmore. He was in conference with W. T. Maxwell of Tulsa, president, yesterday afternoon, and following the meeting it was announced that among the special subjects for action upon by the convention would be inauguration of a propaganda for a more liberal compensation law for the laboring men, and a better ten law.

It is probable that these matters will come up during the sessions of the first two days of the convention, and that a committee on legislation will be appointed and instructed to begin active work on a campaign to have these matters placed in the proper light before the representatives to the state legislature.

From pre-convention reservations it appears as though Henryetta would have the largest delegation of an Oklahoma city, with the exception of Tulsa.

While the attendance at the council of carpenters convention is not expected to exceed 75, these representatives will speak with the authority of at least 2,500 carpenters throughout the state.

LOVE AFFAIR HAS TRAGIC ENDING

CORPORAL CLEMENT OF VIRGINIA COMPANY KILLED AND MEXICAN GIRL IS SHOT.

Corporal Dunches Is Said to Have Shot Pair After Latter Spurned Advances.

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Aug. 16.—Corporal James Clement, U. S. army, Second Virginia regiment, was shot and killed here tonight and Sofia Valdez, a Mexican girl, was probably fatally wounded by another corporal assigned to the quartermaster's corps of the regular army. A corporal who gave his name as Dunches was chased by a posse two miles and his trail lost. Later he appeared at the county jail and surrendered. Corporal Clement, who was 28 years of age, came from Warrenton, Va., and is survived by his widow.

The Valdez girl had repulsed Dunches' advances, according to members of her family, and when threatened with violence, it is stated, called for assistance. Just as Corporal Clement appeared to aid the girl, it is charged, Dunches shot the Mexican girl twice and turned his weapon on Clement, killing him in instantly with two bullets in the breast. Dunches was being held in the county jail tonight.

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ROAD TIEUP AGAIN HOVERS OVER N. Y.

Company Must Grant Recognition of Union or Suffer Consequences.

SITUATION IS ACUTE

Conferences Will Be Held Between Men and Officials of Companies.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Another strike of conductors and motormen employed by the New York Railways company will be declared "forthwith" unless the company grants recognition of the union, according to resolutions adopted at a mass meeting of the men tonight.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Whether there will be a renewal of the surface car strike in this city, as threatened in an ultimatum by a committee of employees was said tonight to depend on the result of a conference to be held tomorrow morning between the men and officials of the companies. The situation has become so acute that Mayor Mitchell and Oscar S. Straus, chairman of the public service commission, are said to have been summoned to the city by the former from Plattsburg and the latter from Maine.

Theodore H. Shonts, president of the Interborough Rapid Transit and the New York Railways companies, in a letter addressed to the mayor and Chairman Straus tonight called attention to the ultimatum delivered to him by the employees committee which charged that the New York Railways company had violated the agreement of August 7, which brought the strike on the surface car lines to an end. Mr. Shonts denied that his company had discharged workers because of their affiliation with the carmen's union.

Since August 7, Mr. Shonts said 43 employees had been discharged, all for violations of company rules. Several had been laid off for having been charged with violence in connection with the recent strike were restored to their places upon acquittal by the courts, according to Mr. Shonts.

VIRGINIAN DIES ON BRITON SOIL

Death of Major William Trotter Is Reported to Friends in America.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The death of Major William Alexander Trotter, well known as a breeder of fine Virginia horses, in a trench with an English regiment before Tricourt, France, while in action on July 12, has been reported to friends here in advice from abroad. His widow, who lives in Charlottesville, Va., has been notified he was buried at Tricourt near where he fell.

BUILD MORE SCHOOLS

Work Started on Several Buildings to Accommodate Blackwell Overcrow.

Special to The World.

BLACKWELL, Okla., Aug. 16.—Work has been started on a series of bungalow style school buildings which are to be constructed in this city to handle the great overflow in the city schools caused by the increase in the population of the city.

The buildings are to be arranged around a square as are the bungalow buildings in California, being used there in a large number of towns. Work on the construction of these buildings has started and they are to be completed before the time for opening school, which will probably be September 11 this year.

WILSON FORMS DEFINITE PLAN IN RAIL CRISIS

Scheme Will Be Laid Before Representatives and Managers Today.

HITCH HANGS ON EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Creation of Commission to Investigate Situation Is Proposed.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—President Wilson today completed a definite plan for settlement of the threatened nation-wide railroad strike and will submit it to representatives of the managers and employees tomorrow. Although administration officials said negotiations would be continued until a peaceful solution was found, the outcome of the president's mediation is expected to depend largely on the attitude of the two sides toward the plan he has drawn up.

The proposition framed by the president after conferences with the managers and employees since Monday morning, proposes that the railways shall concede to the eight-hour workday with an agreement that it will be observed. Later it probably will be proposed that a federal commission appointed by the president or created by congress, investigate all problems which have arisen during the present discussion.

The chief obstacle in the way of acceptance of the plan lies in the insistence of the railroad managers on arbitration and their opposition to the eight-hour day and the demand for time and half pay for overtime. Whether the two sides will give in on these points constituted the chief danger in the situation tonight.

The general committee of the employees, including 640 representatives of the trainmen and engineers of the 225 railroad systems of the country, arrived here tonight in response to a summons by their subcommittee, which has been meeting with the president. The general committee has plenary powers to accept or reject any suggestion.

The men, although refraining from discussing the plan of the president, said they thought the outlook encouraging for a settlement. At 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon the president will meet the entire general committee of the 640 in the White House and lay before them his plan for a compromise in the interests of the people of the nation.

While no action is set for a conference between the managers and employees, the situation is expected to be settled by tomorrow.

PLAGUE WILL HALT N. Y. SCHOOL START

September 25 Set for Tentative Opening Will Have to Be Postponed Now.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—While September 25 was set today as the tentative date for opening public schools of this city, postponed from September 11 on account of the epidemic of infantile paralysis, Health Commissioner Emerson said it was by no means certain New York's one million school children under 16 years of age could resume their studies that early. Definite plans cannot be made, Doctor Emerson informed William G. Wilcox, president of the board of education, because it is impossible to foresee whether the disease can be checked or whether the epidemic will assume still greater proportions.

Another decrease in deaths and new cases today encouraged the health authorities. There were 34 deaths today and 113 new cases, making the total fatalities 11,497 and the total cases 6,425.

The Rockefeller institute disclaimed a reported "cure" on monkeys for experimental purposes, the officials stating that the institute had been unable to acquire enough of the anti-for its own pathological work. It was learned the 150 monkeys will arrive here next week soon to be followed by three hundred more. The value of monkeys it was said, has risen from \$8 to \$15 since the European war began.

TALKS WELL BUT NOT VERY WISELY

Seals Suitcase, Sells It, Gets Drunk and Brags: He's in Jail Now.

Special to The World.

BLACKWELL, Okla., Aug. 16.—George Wilhelm stole a suitcase full of clothing, sold it, spent the money for bootleg whiskey, got drunk, bragged of his accomplishments and is now in the county jail awaiting trial on a stealing charge.

Wilhelm got by nicely until he got far enough along in his travels to get drunk up with John Harleys and John loaned up his tongue enough to spoil the whole thing.

Construct Sludge Mill

Special to The World.

COMMERCE, Okla., Aug. 16.—The Maroon, or Lucky Kid mine, just east of the Underwriters mine is constructing a large sludge mill, which will be run in about two weeks. The Maroon mine is running on dirt which is yielding a 20 per cent recovery.